



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3796

An act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management

As cleared by the Congress on October 10, 1998

H.R. 3796 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange an administrative site comprising about five acres in the Rogue River National Forest and to acquire other administrative facilities through purchase or exchange. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3796 would result in an outlay savings of \$2 million in 1999, but would have no net effect on federal spending over the 1999-2003 period. The legislation's estimated impact on direct spending is shown in the following table.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars									
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Changes in outlays	-2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Changes in receipts	Not applicable									

H.R. 3796 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell or exchange about five acres in the Rogue River National Forest that are currently used as an administrative site. As part of such an exchange, the act would authorize the Secretary to accept cash equalization payments that exceed 25 percent of the value of the site or acquire existing or future administrative facilities and improvements in exchange for conveying the site. The act provides that any proceeds from sale or exchange of the site be deposited into an existing fund in the Treasury and that the funds be available, until expended, for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for combined use by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Under the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, proceeds from a nonroutine asset sale may be counted for purposes of pay-as-you-go scorekeeping only if the sale would entail no net financial cost to the government. Selling the Rogue River administrative site would not entail a net financial cost; therefore, the proceeds would be counted for pay-as-you-go purposes.

Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3796 could result in additional offsetting receipts from sale of the federal administrative site of about \$2 million in fiscal year 1999. CBO estimates that the Forest Service would spend, without further appropriation, any receipts from a sale of the site to construct or improve other facilities on federal land. Therefore, we estimate that the net effect on direct spending would be zero over the 1999-2003 period.

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